

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 3644

KAREL VAN DEN BERG

Examiner: Kimberly S. Smith

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For: A FEED METERING DEVICE

Docket No.: 8553/212a

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

To the Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of this Application, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification commence on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which commence on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks commence on page 5 of this Preliminary Amendment.